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EIGHT PASS ON SECOND TRIAL

LESLIE COLEMAN KILLS HIMSELF

Special Bar Examination Former Member of Police Found Majority of Applicants Unable to Get By. Force Inhaled Gas in Marshall Street Home.

Since the announcement that only eight out of twenty-seven who took the tests passed the special examination of the State Bar Examining Board, members of the board are rather expecting a revival of the charges of unfairly severe questions put by them to prospective lawyers.

Secretary Walter of the State Board of Examiners of Applicants for Admission to the Bar, announced yesterday following the list of those who passed the examination: Harry Baumgardner, Bristol, Tenn.; Edwin E. Clements, Petersburg; Peter P. Homes, Richmond; J. J. Hunsley, Sandy River; A. R. Kerchaw, Richmond; John A. Lancaster, Farmville; L. B. Perkins, Kendrick; Linette J. Parker, Drewry's Bluff.

The examinations just concluded were held Wednesday in the Capitol, and were open only to applicants who had previously failed on at least one bar examination. So many applicants have failed to pass the examination that the State Board determined to give an examination particularly to these men. No favors were shown to the applicants of Wednesday's examinations, although it was called a special test and they were required to answer substantially the same questions that were propounded to applicants at the regular fall examinations.

The number of failures has aroused widespread comment, in some cases unfavorable, many such as, "only a lawyer of experience could answer correctly." Aubrey G. Weaver, a member of the board, issued a vigorous denial of this on Sunday. Of the twenty-seven applicants Wednesday, one was white, two were colored, and the fourth for one, and the second for twenty-one.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Commercial Guaranty Company Had

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Guaranty Company was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Business Men's Club. The banking house reported its most prosperous year.

Officers and directors were elected as follows:

W. L. Waring, president; Andrew

Welch, vice president; E. S. Mitchell,

cashier; Sam Sutherland, W. L. Waring,

J. B. Bidgood, E. S. Mitchell and

Andrew Welch, directors.

Members advisory board: Major L.

T. Price, W. A. Crenshaw, Dr. H. B.

Sanford, Dr. C. H. Hamilton, Wm. H.

Eding, Dr. J. P. Roy, J. B. Walther,

W. H. Rice, Thomas Semmes, Jr., Dr.

Charles V. Carrington, Mr. Wm. H.

Dr. J. A. Kellum, W. V. Keller, Dr.

J. W. West, A. S. Kellum, Dr. O. F.

Henderson, R. A. Vaden, W. H. A.

Adams.

Petersburg advisory board: W. H.

Compton, John L. Dukan, W. H. Elder,

John T. Mitchell, Dr. J. P. Roy, Dr. H. B.

Hogson, W. O. Robinson, C. M.

Walsh, Jr., L. A. Wilson, R. N. Hart-

ness.

Torrey for company, William W.

Crump.

CAN'T GET POSSESSION.

Tenant Claims Lease on Property

Sold to Romeo Perry.

Sheriff Herbert Mercer said yesterday

that he had exhausted all means

to get the property of Romeo Perry

from Mrs. Cornelia Hughes. The

dwelling is occupied by Mrs. Fitcher,

who claims to be a tenant under a

lease from Perry. Mrs. Fitcher has

so far refused to vacate. Mr. Mercer

said that if different proceedings

were brought the court could order

the lease from Perry to be annulled.

Until this is done he claims to have no

standing for their ejectment notwithstanding

the fact that he has been in possession

of the property for which he has paid.

JURY COULDN'T AGREE.

But Will Reconsider Case of Negro

Accused of Assaulting Aged Man.

After a brief consideration that the

afternoon, a jury in the Hustings Court

was unable to arrive at a verdict in

the case of a negro charged with

assaulting and seriously

wounding George W. Hickey, seventy

years old, a resident of 207 1/2

South Ninth Street, and it was

adjourned to Monday for a new

jury. Judge Richardson said this

morning at the dock to reconsider.

Street adjourned to Monday for a

new jury. The case of Hickey on the night of

December 15 and 16, the old man on the

bed with a fractured skull, was

conscious. He was later arrested by Sergeant

Sherry, who was identified by Hickey as

his assailant.

When arraigned yesterday Sprad,

through his counsel, Hiram M. Smith,

pleaded not guilty.

Beaz Wilder Fined \$25.

Beaz Wilder, colored, was fined \$25 and costs

yesterday morning in Police Court for cutting

A. F. Pierce with a razor.

Woman Recently Fined.

Elizabeth Lark was fined \$10 and costs

yesterday morning in Police Court and placed

under bond for the next term of court, for

allowing an infant son to play on the

Marshall Street.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

FIREMEN TO GET INCREASED PAY

General Raise of Seven Per Cent Is Recommended.

REGULATE MOVING PICTURES

Civil Service and Pension Ordinances Go to Sub-Committees.

In place of a graduated scale of increase in pay for various grades of employees in the Fire Department, the Council Committee on Ordinances last night recommended a flat raise of seven per cent in all grades below the assistant chiefs. The pay for the chief is recommended to increase from \$2,400 to \$2,500, and of two assistant chiefs in charge of districts, from \$1,650 to \$1,800, in accordance with the Fire Board's recommendations. The other increases recommended by the Fire Board varied from five to fifteen per cent.

Captain J. H. Redwood presented the case of the firemen. He had it figured out that since they were subject to call twenty-four hours in the day, that their rate of pay per hour was lower than that of the ditch-digger or the common laborer. Mr. Disney, of the committee, thought the Fire Board better qualified to say which classes of firemen were underpaid, and favored following its recommendation as to increases, but the general seven per cent raise was recommended on the plea that the men far down in the service, who only earn small wages, needed the increase more than those who were well advanced.

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MEASLES RAGING IN CITY SCHOOLS

Meeting of White Teachers and Principals Called for This Afternoon.

463 CASES IN TWO WEEKS

Five Days of Contagion Before Eruption Appears, Says Dr. Levy.

Teachers and principals of all of the white public schools of Richmond called to meet at the John Marshall High School this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to consider plans for checking the epidemic of measles now sweeping through the schools. Teachers and principals of private white schools throughout the city are invited to attend. Addresses will be made by Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler, Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy and others.

No General Closing. Although the situation is serious, it is not anticipated that there will be any movement for a general closing of the schools, for the reason that the disease would not reach the trouble. The schools closed for ten days at Christmas, but the sources of infection were already well scattered over the city, and the disease spread rapidly soon after the schools reopened.

A total of 463 cases of measles have been reported to the health authorities since January 1, eighty-nine cases having been reported last Monday. The disease spread rapidly, and a large number each day since. Up to this time there has been but one death. From experience in the past it would seem that the disease is not particularly dangerous to children of school age, but it spreads with remarkable rapidity through the schools, and these children take it home, where the mortality among very young children is often very high. Literature is to be spread through the schools informing parents that measles is by no means the joke that some parents seem to feel it, but that where there are children under four years old in the house, it is a most serious matter, calling for the immediate attention of the family physician.

No Assembly or Recess. Superintendant Chandler issued orders yesterday that until further notice the midday recess when children of all grades mix in the school yards, is to be discontinued. Each class room is to be run as a separate school. There will be no assembly, general gathering of the pupils in a large room, and separate hours will be arranged for the intervals of play for different grades. The new schedule eliminating assembly hours will take effect on Monday throughout the city, and be in effect until further notice. The whole medical force of the schools, the five school nurses, and all of the district physicians, will devote their efforts to stamping measles from the schools as soon as possible.

High Risk of Contagion. "I do not think it would accomplish our purpose to close all of the schools for a week or even for a longer period," said Chief Health Officer Levy last night. "In 1910, when there was an epidemic of measles, we closed a number of rooms, but the disease spread, and it was established that a child who has been exposed to measles is capable of spreading the infection from the ninth to the fourteenth day, though the eruption does not appear until the fourth day. That gives five days for spreading the disease before it is even recognized that the child is unwell. We have closed four schoolrooms so far during this epidemic. It is our desire to close all of the schools, but we cannot do so without disrupting the schools. We want the teachers to be acquainted with the nature of the contagion before the eruption appears, so that suspicious cases may be kept out of the schools. Whenever a case is reported to the Health Board, we are notifying the school authorities at once of the name of the child, the school and room, so that they may watch other pupils for early symptoms.

Must Warn Parents. "The actual deaths from measles are usually in the homes—little children too young to go to school, but who take the contagion from brothers or sisters. I want the teachers to tell pupils sent home that they must not associate with younger children, and spread the disease among the little ones, who are the danger is much greater than with pupils of school age. Medical Inspector Hudson and the Health Department nurses are attempting to visit all cases reported, and warn the parents of the high risk. It is our desire that we should have an epidemic of measles every third year. Indeed, it was predicted last year that this would be a 'measles year,' and the prediction has more than come true."

Building Permits. Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: Henry S. Wallerstein, to erect a two-story brick warehouse on the south side of Sixth Street, between Byrd and Arch Streets, to cost \$10,000.

Seaboard Fuel Company, to erect a one-story brick office and scalehouse on north side of Marshall, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets, to cost \$5.

E. R. Harris, to erect a one-story detached frame shed, 185 North Twenty-second Street, to cost \$100.

Mrs. Graham Hill. Mrs. Ida V. Graham is seriously ill at the residence of her son, W. H. Graham, 23 North Thirty-third Street.

Showcase Broken. The New York Hat Company, of 145 East Main Street, yesterday reported to the police that a showcase in the store had been broken open and several pairs of gloves and one sockpin stolen.

State Labor Bureau Waging Vigorous Campaign for New Law. State Commissioner Doherty's campaign for the enforcement of the new ten-hour labor law and the new sanitary law continues with unabated vigor. The commissioner received reports yesterday from his agents in the Valley of Virginia which show that warrants have been issued for six cases of violations of the sanitary law in Winchester, and for one in Harrisonburg. The Winchester cases have been set for trial this morning, and the Harrisonburg case will be heard Saturday. The commissioner secures an average of more than 90 per cent of convictions on warrants issued.

Parole Post Report. Acting Postmaster Submits Figures Showing Operations in Richmond. Acting Postmaster Southward will forward today to Postmaster General Hitchcock his report covering the operations of the parcel post in Richmond for the fifteen days following January 1. Similar reports will be submitted by a number of other leading post-offices in the United States, and the figures will be used by the Postmaster General in determining his recommendations to Congress governing the future of the parcel post.

Stove Causes Fire. Early Morning Blaze in Buchanan Street Took \$300 Damage. Fire, caused by an open stove, broke out yesterday morning about 6 o'clock and probably \$300 damage to frame house at 133 Buchanan Street, and to the rear of an adjoining house. The property was owned by James Golden, colored, and he responded to the alarm sounded from Box 49, Seventh Street, and Marshall Street. Fireman Companies 1 and 2 and Engine 2 were called to the scene. In charge of Chief Haffo. For a few minutes the blaze was subdued, but after a brief fight the firemen had it under control, and it was finally extinguished in a short while.

CONFER ON TAXES. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Officials Meet State Officers. A conference of the representatives of the State of Virginia, and the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad concerning the amount of tax to be levied on the railroad was held yesterday in Governor Mann's office in the Capitol.

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CHAMBERMAN TAKES HAND IN MERGER

Asks MacVeagh to Hear Local Delegation Before Consolidating Customs Districts.

RICHMOND CHEAPEST PORT

Collects at a Per Dollar Cost of \$0.17, as Against \$0.22 for Norfolk.

Secretary R. A. Dunlop, of the Chamber of Commerce, has written to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, asking that a committee of Richmond business men be given an opportunity to present argument and data in favor of the retention of this city as one of the primary ports of the State. A favorably to the petition is expected this week.

The letter to the treasurer marks the official entry of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce into the agitation which has for the past three weeks enveloped the Treasury Department's announced intention to consolidate the four customs districts of the State into two districts, reducing several ports to now rank as full ports to the position of sub-ports. Within the past week the report has become current that the four districts will be merged into one, Norfolk and Newport News sent deputations to Washington to present their respective claims, as early as three weeks ago. The Richmond Chamber of Commerce, in the absence of official information from the Treasury Department, has taken the initiative in the agitation until it became evident this week that the reported consolidation was more than idle talk.

Will Send Delegation. Secretary Dunlop yesterday that he expected an answer from Secretary MacVeagh, granting the conference, within the next day or two. As soon as the date for the hearing is fixed, President Haddon of the Chamber of Commerce will name a representative delegation which will appear before the Treasury armed with the requisite data.

Those who consented to discuss the matter yesterday agreed that while the volume of business in this city would in no wise be affected if Richmond were reduced to the position of a sub-port, such an act would be a decided blow to the city. The Chamber of Commerce, particularly in view of the fact that Richmond collects more customs duties annually than all of the State ports combined.

Aside from any sentiment, it was pointed out that the weight of these figures should be sufficient to secure to Richmond its position as the premier port of the State. Its commanding position as a distributing center, and as a center of trade and finance, were other considerations that were named.

Collects at Smallest Cost. According to the last annual report of the Treasury Department, the port of Richmond makes its customs collections at a per dollar cost which is by far the lowest in the State. The cost of doing business as a criterion, the port of Norfolk is the most expensive. It costs Norfolk 22 and 2-10 cents to collect \$1 of customs duties.

Newport News is next lowest, with a per dollar cost of 20 cents. Petersburg spends 7 cents to collect each dollar. Richmond is far and away the lowest, with a per dollar collection cost of only 1 and 7-10 cents.

The figures quoted, however, are not altogether conclusive. In Newport News and Norfolk, at least, the collector faces an operation cost which is not part of the local collector's problem. In Richmond, the collector employs twelve, as against only six for Norfolk. The eastern cities require a number of inspectors, deputy collectors and boarding officers, which the collector does not need. The added cost of these officers, without a compensating increase in revenue, increases the per dollar cost of collection.

Would Save \$15,000. A merger of the four Virginia customs districts into one would annually save the State Treasury approximately \$15,000. The saving would arise from the discontinuance of the collectorships in four ports, and the substitution for them of deputy collectorships. Added to this, the local forces of the collector in Richmond would remain substantially unchanged.

As the Virginia customs service stands now, there are five ports, Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg and Alexandria. In each of these there is situated a collector. There are four sub-ports: Westport, in charge of a deputy from the Richmond office; Tappanhook and Yorktown, reporting to the collector at Cape Charles, under the direction of the port of Norfolk.

Reports to the effect that an agent from the Treasury Department would arrive in Richmond shortly to take into the local situation remain so far unsubstantiated. Collector Arnold said yesterday that he has received no intimation from the department either of an investigation or of a proposed merger.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS. Ginter Parkers Settle Down to Business After Reorganizing Committees. The initial meeting of the Town Council of Ginter Park was held last night in the Hotel Astor. Mayor John Ginter and Pollard presided. The meeting began at 8 o'clock and lasted until after midnight.

The first business taken up by the body was the appointment of town officers. Christopher B. Garner, clerk; town clerk and treasurer; and T. Crawford Redd, town engineer.

Chairmen—R. L. Curry, streets; Thomas Whitely, police; Protection, B. W. Wilson fire protection; Charles G. Taylor, public utilities; C. P. Cadot, civic improvements; and A. M. Gover, public health.

The town treasurer was authorized to make a list of the taxable property and to have it assessed. The next meeting to be held January 22, at which time a bond issue for permanent improvements will be discussed.

Mayor-elect and six Councilmen appeared before Judge R. Carter Scott yesterday morning in the Henric Circuit Court and qualified for office. They were nominated at an open primary in which men and women participated. The names of the winning men were later retitled by the registered voters in a general election.

Missing From Home. C. J. Cane, fifty-three years old, of 24 West Cary Street, was yesterday reported to the police as having been missing from his home since January 1. Mrs. Cane, who made the report, said she knew of no reason why he should disappear and after a fruitless search by herself she decided to enlist the services of the police in an effort to